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dogs in the United Kingdom to every # 000 inhabitants.

All nature was again in smiling mood yesterday. Such days compensate for many of the weary ones.

A' weighty subject indeed is the planet on which we live. The earth's weight has been condemned by the people and is calculated by Professor Boys at 5,-\$32,064,000,000,000,000,000 tons.

The sweet girl graduates of our educational institutions, who are thinking of what to wear on graduation day, are reminded that in Madagascar silk in so cheap that the poorest people wear clothing made of it.

Dr. Depew says that there were 150,-000,000 of tons carried upon the ocean last year. About 10,000,000 tons were carried upon the canals of the United States. About 14,000,000 tons were carried by the world's railroads, of which 8,000,000 were carried on the railroads of the United States.

In 1977 a Cochin China fowl's egg was discovered in England which weighed one-half pound and measured 8 5-8 inches lengthways and 61/4 inches in circumference. Another weighed 1014 ounces, measured 8 inches around the center and 1214 inches from end to end.

Russian girls thus learn their matrimonial prospects: A number of them take off their rings and conceal them in a basket of corn; then a hen is brought in and invited to partake of the corn, and the owner of the first ring uncovered will be the first to enter matrimony.

There are 70,000 acres given up to the cultivation of oysters along the Long Island Sound front of Connecticut, and the land and plants are valued at \$4,-000,000. The product when sold must return nearly \$1,000,000 annually, and yet the Connecticut oyster plant is only a fraction of the value of the Chesa neake Bay plant. The latter is probably worth \$20,000,000.

Commenting on the amount which a spider actually consumed during twenty-four hours Sir J. Lubbock says: "At a similar rate of consumption a man weighing 160 pounds will require a whole fat steer for breakfast, a steer and five sheep for dinner and for supper two bullocks, eight sheep and four hogs, and just before retiring nearly four barrels of fresh fish."

David's harp of a thousand strings is nothing in comparison with the human voice. One's surprise in the fact that no two persons' voices are perfectly alike ceases when one is informed by an authority that, though there are only nine perfect tones to the human voice, there are the astonishing number of 17,592,115,044,415 different sounds, Of these, fourteen direct muscles produce 16,382 and thirteen indirect muscles produce 173,741,823.

The season just ended has been a dull one for the muskrat catchers on the Delaware marshes. The catch is a valuable one in good seasons, and marshes are rented for the muskrat catching privilege. All cross-road store keepers deal in the pelts, and the Delaware legislature was once asked to enact a law for the protection of the muskrat, so that the species might not become extinct. The meat of the creature is sold in the Wilmington street market and served as marsh rab-

In an admirable paper on the after shocks of earthquakes F. Omort has attacked a somewhat neglected branch of seismology. In three recent Japanese strued to be intended for publication earthquakes those of Kumamoto In 1889, Mino-Owari in 1891 and Kagoshima in 1893, the after shocks have been carefully recorded and specially studied from the frequency point of view. In the case of the great Mino-Owari earth- however, sees the political weakness of quake of 1891 the aftershocks were most numerous some distance south of the strength and his bugle call to the principal epi-central tract. Mr. Omori Southern democrats to rally around suggests that the principal earthquake the gold standard is a very politic was caused by the formation of some move. Nevertheless the cry from great fractures beneath the Neo valley, and that the axial lines indicate the po- defeat and probable "disintegration" sitions of four weaker or deeper frac- of the democratic party upon the Presitures, along which the crust is not yet dent's platform is apparently to be in the way of steadily settling into counted on as a sure thing, judging

DEGALIZING POOR SELLING. A great deal of surprise has been man ifested that the bill legalizing pool-selling at the race tracks of incorporated associations could secure eleven votes in its favor in the state senate, in the face of a unanimous report of the judiciary committee against it. Those who are surprised at this tie vote in the senate, which the lieutenant governor dissolved by voting against the bill, are probably not aware of the personal and social influences in Hartford which the stockholders, especially of the Charter Oak park, have brought to bear in favor of this measure for legalizing gambling, and bringing in possible profits to their corporation at the expense of the good name of the state. The Hartford Cour ant has voiced the moral sentiment of Hartford by denouncing the proposed w as inconsistent, absurd and immor al. The friends of it hope next week to secure the one or more votes needed. and upon a motion to reconsider to com nit the senate to an act which gives ertain racing associations power to And several others. 'Tis a consumommit nots which in all other place outside of their fences the laws of the state condemn as misdemeanors. For the sake of improving the stock of rac It is claimed that there are fifty-five ing associations it is proposed to allow pools to be sold in these inclosed places although any farmers, who should allow the same things to be done in their pastures, would be liable to arrest and punishment for gambling. Those who op pose this measure urge the fact that it is nothing but the Ives pool law, which ahandoned by the horsemen themselves in New York state. They also refer to the fact that the jockey clubs and other racing associations in New York pro ose to conduct honest races without bookmaking and pool-selling, and they ask why Connecticut should fall behind New York in sanctioning gambling anywhere, or allow our own people to be

> they are not granted in other states. At the hearing before the judiciary committee Rev. Dr. Smyth characterized this proposed act as a bill to suspend one of the ten commandments as certain specified times and places in Connecticut. It is also attacked as class legislation of very doubtful legality, inasmuch as one and the same act is declared to be illegal when practiced by ne class of men on one side of a board fence, and illegal when practiced by all other men outside the board fence.

fleeced by outsiders who under this law

would have gambling privileges which

The advocates of this measure arguthat, as gambling cannot be suppressed they will therefore serve the public morals by rendering it altogether legal and similar places. The opponents of the bill say that the good name of the state is involved, and that if it be alleged that the sport of honest racing cannot be made profitable without gambling, that is a libel on the sport, and that they believe racing, like other sports, can and should be conducted without special gambling privileges which are demoraliging. They say that the hone of the state of Connecticut ought not to be put up for sale in the interest of harter Oak park. They will endeav action of the senate which the advocates of the measure threaten; and they are confident, even if they succeed in controlling the senate, that morality and the public honor will control a large majority of the house. They say that if by any mischance the present legislature should pass a law legalizing gambling in any form or place, a moral issue would at once be thrown into Connecticut politics, and the fight would be carried into every nominating caucus two years hence. There are a good many of that class of men whom Senator Chandler characterized as "reformsts" now turning their attention to prac tical politics in this state, and interesting times for some men of political aspirations are promised if this pool-room amendment should ever be lobbied through the legislature. The advocates of it have three legislative days in which to move a reconsideration, and, if they do, and should succeed, a deter mined fight over this measure will at once be sprung upon the house. The opponents of it think that some sena-

gambling. THE WRITING ON THE WALL. Grover Cleveland reads the handwriting upon the wall relative to the grave dangers imperilling the demo cratic party, as is seen in his politic and wily letter to the Governor of Mississippl, and which the Mississippl governor very naturally immediately confor the good of the party, Mr. Cleveland's chances for a third term are not very brilliant, though he is developing a strength by his hard money platform that is awakening much interest. He the position as well as its inherent Washington will be ineffectual. The

tors probably voted for it without much

consideration, and that if a reconsidera-

tion is moved, they will be glad to put

themselves on the moral side of the

they are if a record is left against them

if the silverite and free silver collage lemocrats and populists; at least the lemoralization will be sufficient to insure the defeat of the party in the next national election. That a free silver rusade in many western states is at and is unmistakable. In Illinois demcrata have already summoned a conerence to meet in Springfield June 4, and the pro-silverite delegates will, Herald. rom the indications, preponderate. In Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Kentucky and other states similar conference are impending. The plight of the demo cratic party is well expressed in the following plaintive lines:

A DEMOCRAT'S SOLILOQUY. For silver or for gold, that is the ques

Whether 'tis better for us democrats To stick to gold and brave the silverite Or to consort with him and shout for

And by so doing win the west: To The west! And when we say the west

we mean Montana, Colorado, Idaho

Devoutly to be wished. But there's the

Perchance we lose the east! Ah, there's For in that east electoral votes are

While in the west they're few and far

This sad discrepancy betwirt the two Must give us pause. But as it's vote: and not pause that we are after, he continued, dropping his Shakespearean lambic and relaps ing into ordinary democratic prose, I don't see how in thunder that helps us out any."

FASHION NOTES,

In the array of hats the English valking shape appears and is as natty and attractive as ever. The white straw with black ribbons is not seen and the color of the straw is invariable closely harmonized with the color of the grown, the rule being that for the walking rig there must be no contrasts of color. Many of these hats are trimmed with a roll of satin ribbon about the crown, which is passed through a small ring of brilliants just in front, the ends spreading on the brim. many this elaboration only spoils this style of hat, the plainer it is the more suited it is to their liking



Nearly all picture hats have blot owns, and a late notion is to set lace o prevent the reconsideration of the band of ribbon, the lace standing out crisply in a little ruffle at the top o the ribbon, and considerably above th crown itself. The crown of the hat in this picture is surmounted by a bunch of forget-me-nots, and flanked on either ide by loops of blue moire ribbon From the center of the bunch a delicate algrette rises. A peculiar shade of gray straw is used for this hat.

Enormous bunches of feathers are vorn upstanding and a wave on new hats. Never has black headgear beet so popular. No matter what the gown a big cloud of black lace and plume may be worn on the head, and after all nothing is more becoming.

Little bonnets with a flat pancake top of spangled lace have an upstanding frill of pleated chiffon, wired and edged with spangles to finish the front. Knots of roses are set low down at the sides This is a pretty compromise with the Dutch bonnet, which will meet the re-quirements of the middle-aged woman who, when she wears a bonnet, cannot accustom herself to a head all bear. FLORETTE.

PLEASED.

"That fellow does a rattling business." roupe."-Atlanta Constitution.

"I want a husband that is easily pleased." "Well, dear, that's the kind you're sure to get."—London Judy, Strawberries are gradually becoming ss ornamental. In a few weeks they will be used as food.—Philadelphia Rec-

question, where they will be safer than Customer (in hardware store)—Do you sell the Golden Rule? Smart clerk of having voted to legalize any form of We don't even keep it.-Philadelphia

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Heardso-Every woman who gets a livorce wants to go on the stage. Saidso-And every women who sets on the tage wants to get a divorce.-New York

Cholly Chumpleigh-Was out last nigive. Had a head on me this mora-ng. Miss Coldeal—If I were you I'd ay out late every night.-New York

Bings-What did you give me this tey for? It isn't my latch key. Mrs. lings-You won't have any more trouble with that key than you usually do .-- New York World. Mr. Hojack (at dinner)-My dear, isn'

It very queer for you to serve soup after the beef? Mrs. Hojack-Not at all, love. This is extail soup. It comes ast.-Pearson's Weekly, Chambermaid (to cook, who is engaged

a negro)-So this is one of his love etters. Why, it is full of blots. Cook

Blots? Nonsense. These are blo ears.-Fliegende Blatter.

Mother-What's that smacking noise Studious boy (who goes to school)-It's sister and her young man exchanging microbes.-New York Weekly.

Sultor (to her father)-Sir, I love the ery ground your daughter treads on. Father (grimly)-Well, young man, you ain't the first party that had an attachment for it; howsumever, if you love it well enough to come and help pay up the mortgage on it like Jacob did, you can marry Sarah.-Tid-Bits,

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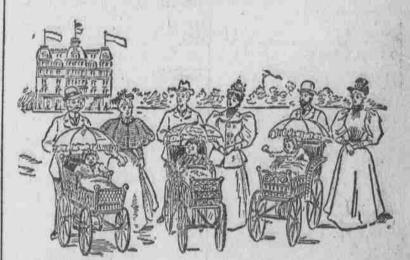
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